

WHY THERE ARE 4 CHIEF ANTICHRISTS

1. Because there are 4 horsemen in Revelation 6.
 - a. It is totally inconsistent to call the white horse rider an antichrist, and yet call the other 3 horses “symbols” for the phenomenon of war, famine, and death.
 - b. If we agree that the 1st horseman is an antichrist, then to be consistent we must agree that the other 3 are also antichrists.
 - c. Each episode contains both a horse and a rider – therefore each stands for a different kingdom (horse) and a different king (rider).
 - d. The colours are racial (*white = Caucasian; red = Mongoloid; black = Negroid; pale = Caucasian*), and thus stand for 4 entirely different men.
2. Because of the 4 heavenly beasts.
 - a. God is surrounded by 4 beasts: “*And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.*” Rev. 4:7. To mimic this, the devil must surround himself with 4 different antichrists.
 - b. God’s 4 beasts do correspond to the 4 antichrists because each horse in Rev. 6 is introduced by one of 4 heavenly beasts. (“*one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.*” 6:1; “*I heard the second beast say, Come and see*” 6:3; “*I heard the third beast say, Come and see.*” 6:5; “*I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*” 6:7).
3. Because there are 4 beasts in Daniel 7.
 - a. Although the Lion, Bear, Leopard, and Dreadful beast of Daniel 7:4–7 describe 4 political kingdoms (“*four great beasts came up from the sea,*”) they also stand for 4 kings (“*four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.*” Dan. 7:17) – therefore they are the 4 antichrists.

- b. Lion, Bear, Leopard, and Dreadful beast are merged into the hybrid government beast in Revelation 13:2 (“*a beast rise up out of the sea*” 13:1) it has 7 heads, two of which are confirmed to be antichrists (1st beast – “*one of his heads as it were wounded to death...all the world wondered after the beast.*” Rev. 13:3; 2nd beast – “*beheld another beast coming up out of the earth*” 13:11). Since 4 kings come out of the earth, the total number of beasts is 4 (i.e., 4 antichrists).
- 4. Because the beast’s 7 heads include the 4 antichrists.
 - a. The 7 “heads” of world-government (Rev. 13:1 & 17:7) stand for both mountains (Rev. 17:9) and for rulers (Rev. 13:3).
 - b. In Daniel 7 the Lion, Bear, and Dreadful beast have a total of 7 heads (1 each, plus the leopard has 4 heads – Dan. 7:6). These “heads” would be 7 “mountains” covering the entire world – but the leopard has a “dominion” of 4.
 - c. The Bear has 1 “head” but it has 4 rulers – himself plus the three ribs in his mouth (“*it had three ribs in the mouth of it*” Daniel 7:5, and “*little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots*” Dan. 7:8).
 - d. Thus the visions describe world government over 7 continents, having 10 leaders.
 - i. Lion – one continent, one leader. [Europe?]
 - ii. Bear – one continent, four leaders. [Asia?]
 - iii. Leopard – four continents; four leaders. [Americas + Australia?]
 - iv. Dreadful – one continent; one leader [Africa/UN?].

Total: 7 continents; 10 rulers.

- e. As for “crowns” – in Rev. 12:3 there are apparently 7 crowns of satanic powers over the continents; but in Rev. 13:1 there are apparently 10 crowns for the earthly kings.

- f. Thus 6 continents have 6 kings; and 1 continent is ruled by 4 kings (Asia – “*the kings of the east*” Rev. 16:12).
 - g. Because world government is such a coalition, a single antichrist makes little sense – who would govern the other regions?
 - h. Therefore, to govern all world regions by antichrists, there cannot be 1 antichrist – there must be 4 antichrists. The Bear captures 3 rulers in Asia, and 1 American Leopard rules over the 3 others (North America ruling over Latin America, South America, and Australia).
 - i. Note that although the 2nd beast arises with “*two horns like a lamb*”(Rev. 13:11) it only has 2 horns because this is after the 1st beast was incapacitated (Rev. 13:3; Dan. 8:8), and the 2nd beast rules for both of them, “*he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him*” Rev. 13:12.
5. Because there are 4 compass points.
- a. Daniel 11 requires 4 kingdoms toward the 4 winds of heaven (“*divided toward the four winds of heaven...*”11:4).
 - b. The 4 winds of heaven match the 4 beasts of Daniel 7 (“*behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.*”7:2).
 - c. The 4 winds match 4-horn government following the invasion of Iran in Daniel 8:7-8 (“*it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.*”); which is the same as the invasion of Elam in Jeremiah 49:36 (“*upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds*”); which is the same as the 4-horn world government in Daniel 11:4 (“*his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven;*”).
 - d. Daniel 11 mentions a “*king of the north*” and a “*king of the south*” (Dan. 11:11 & 11:40); Daniel 8 mentions the “*he goat came from the west*”(Dan. 8:5); and Rev. 16:12 identifies the “*kings of the east*” and the blasting “*east wind*” is associated with Assyria (Hos. 12:1; Jonah 4:8) – therefore there must be 4 at least antichrists for West, North, South, and East.

- e. The North and South are enemies fighting each other during the great tribulation (Dan. 11), but the beast and false prophet are allies (Rev. 13). Therefore these are 4 different kings.
 - f. The South has great dominion (Dan. 11:5) therefore the South is the Leopard (“*dominion*” Dan. 7:6).
 - g. Line from Jerusalem due north goes to Moscow. Therefore, the King of the North is Russia. Same line continued goes over the pole and then heads Southward to Alaska. Thus USA is the King of the South.
 - h. Mystery Babylon is described as a woman (Rev. 17-18) and the south is described as a woman with a King-father (“*the king's daughter of the south*” Dan. 11:6 – cf. 2 Kings 9:34). The “father” of the USA is England, which makes England the West-king, and thus their king is the “he goat” from the west (Dan. 8:5) who leads the Iran invasion that will lead to world-government.
 - i. The composite beast has mouth of a lion, legs of a bear, and seat of a dragon – therefore his torso (Rev. 13:2) is a leopard – and this is the part that gets destroyed by fire: “*the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.*” Dan. 7:11. This matches the whore Mystery Babylon, “*burn her with fire.*” Rev. 17:16. The other three beasts (North, East, and West) survive into the millennium period: “*As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.*” Dan. 7:12.
 - j. [Therefore a new American Union on the backside of the earth is the leopard with dominion, thus the Mystery-Babylon whore that will be completely burned and not enter the millennium (Jer. 50-51; Rev. 17-18).]
6. Because of the 4 horns that scatter the Jews.
- a. Zechariah 1:18-19, “*Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.*”
 - b. Christ was crucified by 4 Roman Soldiers (“*Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part...*” John 19:23), therefore in the 2nd Advent application of Israel’s “crucifixion” they must suffer under 4 antichrists.

- c. The Messianic Psalm states, *“Save me from the lion’s mouth; for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns. ”Ps. 22:21.*



Notice the 4 prominent “canine” teeth in the lion’s mouth (cf. the devil, 1 Peter 5:8) which resemble 4 horns. Since a unicorn has only 1 horn, the 4 great teeth in the lion’s mouth must stand for the 4 antichrists. (*“and it had great iron teeth:”*Dan. 7:7).

- d. Likewise, the brazen altar was to have 4 horns upon it *“make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof”*Ex. 27:2. Thus the tribulation sacrifice by 4 antichrists will sanctify Jerusalem forever (Ez. 43:7).

7. Because of the 7 eyes.

Jesus Christ is described as having seven eyes (Zech. 3:9; Rev. 5:6), which the devil must counterfeit. Since men only have 2 eyes each, the devil must employ 4 persons, however that totals 8 eyes. Therefore one of the antichrists must have one of his eyes removed so that the total will equal exactly 7: *“...his right eye shall be utterly darkened.”*Zech. 11:17 (*i.e.*, the false prophet).

8. Prophecy of Proverbs chapter 30 requires it.

- a. 4 men: Agur, Jakch, Ithiel, Ucal (v. 1)
- b. 4 brutish attributes. (v. 2-3)
- c. 4 presumptions: alter bible; deny God; profane God’s name; accuse God’s servant (v. 5-10)
- d. 4 wicked generations. (v. 11-14)
- e. 4 unsatisfied things. (v. 15-16)
- f. 4 slippery movements. (v. 19)

- g. 4 disquiet the earth. (v. 21-22)
 - h. 4 types: lion, dog, goat, king. (v. 29-31)
9. In order to reconcile the visions.
- Pharaoh dreamed of cows and corn, but both visions meant the same thing ("...*the dream is one.*" Gen. 41:25). The 4 horses, 4 beasts, 4 winds, 4 animals, and 4 kings, 4 horns, 7 heads, and 7 crowns are about 40 different things, unless God was simply repeating the identical 4-fold vision over-and-over again for emphasis ("*the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.*" Gen. 41:31).
10. Because "antichrist" is mentioned exactly 4 times.

- a. Scripture never mentions "the antichrist," but it does mention the word "*antichrist*" exactly 4 times: 1 John 2:18; 1 John 2:22; 1 John 4:3; and 2 John 1:7. The word "*antichrists*" is mentioned once: 1 John 2:18.
- b. Each mention of "antichrist" may(?) specially apply to one of the 4 antichrists.
- c. "*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us...*" 1 John 2:18. (i.e. antichrist false Christian but have a true "succession" from the antichrists of the first century).
- d. "*Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*" 1 John 2:22 (i.e., antichrist atheist).
- e. "*And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*" 1 John 4:3 (i.e., antichrist heretic).
- f. "*For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist*". 2 John 1:7. (i.e., antichrist heretic).

11. Because of the hireling and the wolf, etc.

Jesus said, “...*an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth*” John 10:12. The false-prophet antichrist follows after the 1st antichrist (Rev. 13:12), therefore this wolf must be a third antichrist. Christ identifies four: the thief/robber, the stranger, the hireling, and the wolf. (John 10:1-13).

12. Because there are too many diverse types.

- a. The scriptural adumbrations of antichrist in the biblical characters are too diverse to be a single type; mashing them together to form a ridiculous composite figure is a failure to rightly divide (2 Tim. 2:15).
- b. Scriptural examples predict 4 distinct types of antichrists:
 - i. Kingly types: King Solomon, Kings Darius/Cyrus, King Hiram (Tyre)
 - ii. Military types: Goliath, Og the Giant, Rabshakeh the Assyrian, Sisera the Captain.
 - iii. Politicians: Nimrod, Belshazzar, Pharaoh, Jezebel, Pilate.
 - iv. Religious types: Balaam, Cain, Micah’s Priest, Pharaoh’s magicians.

OBJECTIONS TO 4 ANTICHRISTS?

- 1. Just because 1 antichrist is the subject of a passage, that doesn’t mean that there aren’t 3 other antichrists described elsewhere.
- 2. Since “rightly dividing” can change a subject at a comma (Luke 4:19), it could be incorrect to assume pronouns don’t mean different antichrists.
 - a. Example, “*And he*[an antichrist] *shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he* [different antichrist?] *shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he*

[different antichrist?] *shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*"Dan. 9:27)

3. Clarence Larkin said there was 1 antichrist, but Larkin isn't a reliable source.
 - a. Clarence Larkin made appealing pictures, but often laced with bible-correcting; Larkin like to invent dramatic tabloid phrases: "*Satanic Trinity*," "*Napoleon of Capital*," "*Lawless One*," "*The Lie*," "*Brand of Hell*," and so forth. Although entertaining, they aren't scriptural terms and can't be allowed to take on a life of their own.
 - b. For example, his "*Trail of the Serpent*" phrase comes from Proverbs 30:12, but he failed to mention that a total of 4 are in the verse: Eagle, Serpent, Ship, and Man – thus his phrase obscures the fact that there are really 4 antichrists.
 - c. Larkin's "Rube Goldberg" drawings often drastically over-complicate prophecies. Larkin gives every Bible analogy its own picture, even though analogies are often duplicative. Thus he shows scores of different visuals for what are actually only 4 antichrists.
 - d. Clarence Larkin invents a "composite" antichrist. "Syrian-Jew" is a concept not found in scripture, and it makes no sense because "Assyrian" is not the same as "Syrian" (2 Kings 16:7). Larkin capitalizes "the prince of the host" (Dan. 8:11) in order to make it mean Jesus Christ so that his antichrist can fight against the Lord, rather than against another antichrist.
4. Paul's "*man of sin*" is the only antichrist.
 - a. Can it be proven that he is the only one? Apparently when the miracle-working Pope becomes inhabited by the devil incarnate, he goes into the Temple to be worshipped; yet it is a military invader at that time that comes from Asia to destroy the land of Israel. This triggers fighting between all the antichrist kingdoms.
 - b. Infighting amongst God's enemies is a recurring Bible-theme: "... *I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.*" Zechariah 10:5. "... *the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host.*" Judges 7:22; "*let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of*

Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.” Judges 9:21.
“behold, every man's sword was against his fellow” 1 Sam 14:20.

5. The “*He can’t be the antichrist because...*” Syndrome.
 - a. Because there are four different antichrists with different characteristics, it is possible to “rule out” every candidate for one reason or another.
 - i. Obama “can’t be the antichrist because” he is married and Daniel 11:37 says he won’t regard “*the desire of women.*”
 - ii. The Pope “can’t be the antichrist because” the antichrist must arise as a “little horn” from out of obscurity (Dan. 7:8) and must deny Christ and the Father (1 John 2:22).
 - iii. An obscure military ruler “can’t be the antichrist” because he must be a miracle working religion leader (2 Thess 2:9).
 - iv. Etc. – any other inconsistency.
 - b. Thus nobody can ever be the antichrist because there is always some detail that disqualifies him. This theory helps hide the identities of the antichrists.